

**TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

Mayor Sullivan called the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:35 PM.

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both The Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on January 7, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2015; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2015.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Kelly, Committeewoman Swartz, Committeeman Gallop, Deputy Mayor Ritter and Mayor Sullivan.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Proclamation – Suicide Prevention Month

Mayor Sullivan read aloud the attached proclamation for Suicide Prevention Month.

Barbara Barisonek from the Central Jersey Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) was present to receive the proclamation. She thanked the Township Committee for recognizing the issue of suicide prevention. She also commented on the work done by the AFSP to prevent suicide.

Reports

Committeewoman Swartz reported that the Senior Center is having a Welcome Back BBQ on September 25th. They will also be hosting a shred event at Lafayette Avenue School on October 17th. Committeewoman Swartz also reported that the annual Flu Shot Clinic will be held on October 14th.

Committeeman Kelly reported on the upcoming major road projects. The first is that the County is repaving Fairmount Ave from Southern Boulevard to Watchung Ave. Second is the repaving of Southern Boulevard from Fairmount Ave to River Road. Committeeman Kelly also reported that the Open Space Committee is going to mark out a potential walking trail on the portion of the Averett Property which was purchased by the Township as open space.

Committeeman Gallop reported that fall sports are in full swing. He also reported that the NJ Supreme Court recently rendered a decision that limits the ability of police to conduct warrantless searches of automobiles.

Deputy Mayor Ritter reported that the Colony Pool Advisory Committee held their end-of-year review. A survey will be sent out to Colony members to help plan for next year. Deputy Mayor Ritter also reported that a Bear Aware seminar will be held at the Municipal Building on September 26th. Fire Safety Week is October 4th through 10th, and the Green Village Fire Department will be hosting an ice cream social on October 4th. Deputy Mayor Ritter also reminded residents to sign up for ACT Now! alerts, and to keep their profiles up-to-date. He also read aloud a letter that was sent to Chief Hennelly from a citizen complimenting the assistance he received from Officer Sawyer.

Mayor Sullivan reported that the Fit-2-Food 5K will be held on September 27th.

Engineer Ruschke provided an update on the crack sealing project, which should begin in two weeks. Committeeman Gallop asked about the frequency with which crack sealing is performed. Engineer Ruschke said that it is because of the severe winter that the crack sealing has to be done

so soon. He also reported that the Wickham Woods drainage and road improvements project will begin in late October. Engineer Ruschke also said that he prepared a draft presentation on the proposed Lafayette Avenue sidewalks.

Committeeman Kelly asked about an email that the Township Committee received which referenced crosswalks on Lafayette Ave. Administrator Ciccarone said that the crosswalks were deemed necessary, as children are crossing the road despite the lack of a sidewalk on the east side. He also said that the crosswalk is an interim step while the Township Committee decides if they want to have the sidewalk installed, and crosswalks would become a permanent feature if the sidewalk is installed. Committeewoman Swartz asked about the placement of signs in the road to warn drivers to stop for pedestrians, and if the Township can move them to more convenient spots. Administrator Ciccarone said that he and the Chief can take a look to see if there is a better spot.

Attorney Cruz reported that he and Engineer Ruschke met with Ron & Aaron Gunn and their attorney, as well as the contract purchaser of some of the High Gate lots. Attorney Cruz provided an update on the outcome of the meeting, and steps being taken for the completion of the High Gate project. The agreement that he and Engineer Ruschke reached with the Gunns is subject to the approval of the Municipal Court. Mr. Gunn confirmed the report given by Attorney Cruz.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Amanda Feeman, 233 Shunpike Road, introduced herself as the new chairperson of the Safe Routes to School Committee. Mrs. Feeman also described why she is passionate about traffic safety. She also said that the installation of crosswalks on Lafayette Ave without prior notice was not transparent. Mrs. Feeman also said that the grant money for Lafayette Avenue sidewalks cannot be diverted to other areas. She also said that areas like Lafayette Ave are good candidates for grant money.
2. Rosanne Maraziti, 50 Inwood Road, said that the danger on Lafayette Avenue is from speeding traffic, not from a lack of sidewalks. She cited data she received from the Township Police Department, and said that in a ten year period there were 11 incidents in which cars jumped curbs. Luckily those incidences did not result in harm to any people, however sidewalks would not have prevented the incidences.
3. Clark Lattin, 36 Inwood Road, said that a greater police presence on Lafayette Ave could also help better control traffic.

Seeing no further comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-16

ORDINANCE 2015-16 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, ADDING SECTION 3-12.1 ET SEQ REGARDING CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham deems it appropriate, necessary, and proper for the good government, order, the protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, welfare, and safety of its inhabitants to adopt certain regulations pertaining to the use of drone technology and unmanned aircraft on government owned property; and

WHEREAS, drone technology includes “drones,” which are unmanned aircraft that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or via a geographic positions system guided autopilot mode, can fly at altitudes below the navigable airspace (generally 400’), and are equipped with surveillance technologies (e.g., high definition cameras, night vision cameras, and infrared-see-through scopes); and

WHEREAS, as a result of its declining cost, drone technology and unmanned aircraft have become increasingly available to private citizens for personal, recreational, and other potential uses; and

WHEREAS, drones and unmanned aircraft can be used to fly above Township owned properties in a manner that is inherently dangerous to the public health, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and the State of New Jersey have not adopted specific and comprehensive restrictions on the use of drone technology, the federal government has only issued general guidelines regarding restrictions on the use of the type of unmanned aircraft designated as “model aircraft,” and the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) is presently scheduled to adopt drone technology regulations in fall 2015, and, therefore, at this time there are no meaningful regulations protecting the public, health, and welfare from drone technology and unmanned aircraft particular to and specific to the needs of Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter III, by adding certain and specific regulations of drone technology and unmanned aircraft in Township to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.

Chapter III. DRONE AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS

Article II

Drones and Unmanned Aircraft

3-12.1. Definitions

“Data collection” means the acquisition of information by use of one or more sensing devices.

“Drone” means an unmanned aircraft that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or by a geographic positions system (“GPS”) guided autopilot mechanism, and that is equipped with any sensing device or capable of any data collection.

“Sensing device” means a device capable of acquiring data from its surroundings. Sensing devices include, but are not limited to, cameras, microphones, thermal detectors, chemical detectors, radiation gauges, and wireless receivers in any frequency (including cellular, WiFi, or other data frequencies).

“Unmanned aircraft” means an unmanned vehicle or device of any size that is capable of remote-control flight by any means and that does not possess any sensing device and is not capable of any data collection.

3-12.2. Regulations

- A. Except as otherwise provided in §12.3, drones and unmanned aircraft are prohibited from being launched from any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township or landing on any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in §12.3, drones and unmanned aircraft are prohibited from operating or flying in any airspace below 400 feet within the airspace over any government or public buildings, property, or parks within the Township.

3-12.3. Exceptions

- A. This Chapter shall not prohibit the constitutional use of drones and unmanned aircraft by any law enforcement agency or emergency services organization of or servicing the Township, the State of New Jersey, or the United States of America for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner.
- B. This Chapter shall not prohibit any federal, state, county or municipal agency from the use of drones and unmanned aircraft for any lawful and authorized purpose pursuant to applicable regulation.
- C. This Chapter shall not prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft by any federal, state, county or municipal agency, including, but not limited to, law enforcement and emergency services agencies, for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner.

Article III

General Provisions

3-12.4. Violations and penalties.

A violation of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter I, General Provisions, Article 1-5, General Penalty.

3-12.5. Repealer.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this Chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

3-12.6. Severability.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

3-12.7. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor Sullivan summarized Ordinance 2015-16.

Deputy Mayor Ritter asked what the penalty would be for violating this ordinance. Attorney Cruz said that the Township Code sets a range, and the actual fine would be set by the judge within the specified range.

Committeeman Kelly noted that this ordinance only applies to public property, not private property, and he asked if this really addresses the safety and privacy concerns. Mayor Sullivan said that this ordinance is a start, and drones on private property can be revisited at a later time. Committeewoman Swartz noted that the ordinance can be amended at a later time. Committeeman Gallop also noted that additional steps can be taken at a later time.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-16. Mayor Sullivan seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-16 will be scheduled for October 8, 2015.

Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION 2015-169
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM,
ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following monthly reports of departments be acknowledged as received:

Police Department – August
Tax Collector – August
CFO – August
Construction Official – August

**RESOLUTION 2015-170
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves the minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on September 10, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-171

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves Executive Session minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on September 10, 2015.

**RESOLUTION 2015-172
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING DEVELOPER ESCROW ACCOUNT
AND/OR PERFORMANCE BOND BALANCES**

WHEREAS, developers are required to deposit monies with the Township for the purposes of offsetting Township professional costs to review plans or to inspect approved development and for the purpose of ensuring the satisfactory completion of public or private improvements; and

WHEREAS, these deposited monies, following all necessary withdrawals to cover Township expenses or costs, may be released upon satisfactory completion of work, receipt of review board decisions, or completion of guaranteed work, upon passage of a Township resolution authorizing such release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following guarantee amount or account balances, with interest adjustments as prescribed by state and local laws, may be released to the depositor of record:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>A/C NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Chatham Township 58 Meyersville Road Chatham, NJ 07928	22 Runnymede Road ROI 10-48.02-22	7760011303	\$222.00
James & Cheryl Brill 403 Green Village Road Green Village, NJ 07935	BOA 01-48.18-140	7200038878	\$860.59
James & Cheryl Brill 403 Green Village Road Green Village, NJ 07935	BOA 09-48.18-140-142-143	7760011262	\$680.00

**RESOLUTION 2015-173
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE OF ROSE VALLE CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, INC WITH ROSEPOND, LLC AND STERLING PROPERTIES, LLC**

WHEREAS, Rosepond, LLC, and Sterling Properties, LLC, are the Developers of that property now managed by the Rose Valle Condominium Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Developers were to install certain landscaping at the Rose Valle Development which landscaping was part of the municipally bonded improvements by the Developers; and

WHEREAS, a dispute regarding the landscaping arose between the Developers and the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Developers and the Association resolved that dispute by the Developers directly paying the Association \$100,000.00 in lieu of installing the bonded landscaping; and

WHEREAS, because the landscaping consists of bonded improvements, the Township of Chatham is a party to the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Developers and Association agreed to and signed the following documents memorializing the Agreement:

1. Partial Release and Settlement Agreement between Rose Valle Condominium Association, Inc., and Rosepond, LLC, and Sterling Properties, LLC;
2. Release, Hold Harmless Agreement and Acknowledgement – Landscaping and Hardscaping Issues - Rose Valle Condominium Association, Inc.; and
3. Rose Valle Condominium Association, Inc., Resolution Approving Partial Settlement of Certain Transition Claims; and

WHEREAS, the Release, Hold Harmless Agreement and Acknowledgement remain to be approved and signed by the Township of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the parties to resolve this dispute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Release, Hold Harmless Agreement and Acknowledgement.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2015-174
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
AMENDING MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT FOR
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham entered into the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) for the purpose as set forth therein, which included retaining a common expert in the Declaratory Judgment Action (“Litigation”) that was filed in accordance with In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”); and

WHEREAS, the MSSDA identified Dr. Robert Burchell, a distinguished professor at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, as the expert to be retained; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell became ill and has been unable to complete the obligations under the Research Agreement as set forth in the MSSDA; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, exercised its right to terminate the Research Agreement as permitted under its terms; and

WHEREAS, the MSSDA requires modification to allow the members to retain one or more alternative experts, consultants and/or other professionals for the Litigation; and

WHEREAS, an Amendment to the MSSDA (“Amendment”) has been prepared to effectuate the modification; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that the Litigation requires immediate action and may require further expedited actions by its counsel determined to be necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Chatham to approve the Amendment and/or to affirm and ratify the Amendment, and to authorize their designated counsel to take actions on behalf of the Township with regard to the multiplicity of issues raised and associated with the continued implementation of the MSSDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of the Amendment to the MSSDA are hereby approved and/or ratified and confirmed.
2. The Township Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Amendment.
3. The Township Committee hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., to execute on behalf of the Township with Econsult Solutions, Inc.
4. The Township Committee hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., to execute on behalf of the Township, with the approval of the Township’s designated counsel, such agreement(s) as are necessary to effectuate the MSSDA as amended.
5. The Township Committee further authorizes its designated counsel to approve such other changes to the MSSDA as may be necessary to effectuate its purposes, and to take action on behalf of the Township with regard to the multiplicity of issues raised and associated with the implementation of the MSSDA provided the action will not require the Township to appropriate and commit any additional funding for the MSSDA.
6. In the event such changes and actions require the Township to appropriate and commit any additional funding for the MSSDA, the Township shall only be responsible for such funding if it authorizes same.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attorney Cruz explained that the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement needs to be amended because the expert originally retained is unable to complete the work due to a health issue.

Deputy Mayor Ritter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Committeeman Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Discussion

Installation of Stop Signs and Removal of Yield Signs

Chief Hennelly said that after hearing concerns from residents in the Sandy Hill neighborhood about speeding on Sandy Hill Road, he is recommending that stop signs be placed on Sandy Hill Road at the intersections of Aberdeen Road, Warwick Road and Overlook Road, with the intersection at Warwick Road being a four-way stop intersection.

Mayor Sullivan opened the floor for public comment.

1. Doug Booth, 10 Overlook Road, said that four-way stops at all intersections are necessary, as to prevent Overlook Road from becoming a cut-through.
2. Carla Krawiec, 21 Sandy Hill Road, also spoke in favor of having four-way stop intersections.
3. Andrew Gladin, 14 Overlook Road, said that it makes sense for all three intersections to be four-way stop intersections. He also described a near-accident that happened this evening at the intersection of Overlook Road and Sandy Hill Road.
4. Chris Saul, 6 Aberdeen Road, spoke in favor of the recommendation made by Chief Hennelly. He described the traffic in a Chatham Borough neighborhood that has a traffic pattern as described by Chief Hennelly, and it has worked out well.
5. Mr. Booth said that the intersection at Overlook is the busiest intersection, as there is not anything to slow people down.

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Hearing.

Consensus of the Township Committee was to have a two-way stop intersection at Sandy Hill and Aberdeen, with four-way stop intersections at Sandy Hill and Warwick and Sandy Hill and Overlook. Attorney Cruz said that as no action has been taken on the ordinance yet, it can be introduced with the proposed changes.

ORDINANCE 2015-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-20 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP, TITLED “STOP INTERSECTIONS”, BY INSTALLING “STOP SIGNS” AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SANDY HILL ROAD WITH ABERDEEN ROAD, OVERLOOK ROAD AND WARWICK ROAD, AND A “STOP SIGN” AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND SCHOOL AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham Chief of Police recommended the removal of “YIELD” signs on Sandy Hill Road at its intersection with Aberdeen Road, Overlook Road and Warwick Road, and to install four (4) way “STOP” signs on Overlook Road and Warwick Road at their intersection with Sandy Hill Road, and to install a “STOP” sign at the intersection of Maple Street and School Avenue and a “STOP” sign at the intersection of Sandy Hill Road and Aberdeen Road on Sandy Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, to follow the recommendations of the Chief of Police to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, titled “Stop Intersections”, is hereby amended to designate the following as “STOP” Intersections:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>STOP Sign on:</u>
Sandy Hill Road and Aberdeen Road	Sandy Hill Road
Sandy Hill Road and Overlook Road	Sandy Hill Road and Overlook Road
Sandy Hill Road and Warwick Road	Sandy Hill Road and Warwick Road
Maple Street and School Avenue	School Avenue

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 7-20 remain in effect.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Deputy Mayor Ritter moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-20. Committeewoman Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-20 will be scheduled for October 8, 2015.

ORDINANCE 2015-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-21 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP, TITLED “YIELD INTERSECTIONS”, BY REMOVING THE “YIELD” SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND SCHOOL AVENUE ON SCHOOL AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham Chief of Police recommended the removal of a “YIELD” sign on School Avenue at the intersection of Maple Street and School Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, to follow the recommendation of the Chief of Police to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-21 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, titled “Yield Intersections”, is hereby amended to remove the following as a “YIELD” Intersection:

Intersection
Maple Street and
School Avenue

YIELD Sign on:
School Avenue

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 7-21 remain in effect.
Section 3. Severability.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Committeeman Kelly moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-21. Committeeman Gallop seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-21 will be scheduled for October 8, 2015.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.

1. Amanda Feeman asked if an ACT Now! alert will be sent out regarding the upcoming road construction on Southern Boulevard. Mayor Sullivan said that the Police Department will send out an alert. Mrs. Feeman said that there should have been communication about the crosswalks on Lafayette Ave. Administrator Ciccarone said that it was discussed at Township Committee meetings, and should not have been a surprise to anyone. Mrs. Feeman said that people want transparency. Administrator Ciccarone said that the crosswalks were put in due to safety concerns. Committeewoman Swartz said that Mrs. Feeman’s use of the word “transparency” implies that there has been an attempt at obfuscation on the part of the Township, and there was not any attempt to keep anything hidden.

Seeing no public further comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Executive Session

**RESOLUTION 2015-P-11
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Personnel: Department of Public Works

3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Deputy Mayor Ritter moved to pass Resolution 2015-P-11 to enter Executive Session at 9:19 PM. Committeewoman Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Mayor Sullivan announced that the Township Committee would not be taking action following Executive Session.

The Township Committee returned to Public Session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Gregory J. LaConte
Township Clerk